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Sir:

The undersigned hereby requests that the prior art cited on the attached prior art statement be placed of record in the application file.

This citation of prior art is made under 37 CFR 1.97(c), since it is being filed after the mailing date of the first Office Action and before the mailing date of any Final Action.

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This patent relates to a filter arrangement used for a waste gas purification unit of an internal combustion engine in a motor vehicle comprises porous filter plate elements joined in pairs to form filter cells on their outer periphery and inner periphery. Catalyst devices are arranged on the inside and/or outside of the filter cells. Preferred Features: Catalytically active foils are provided as the catalyst devices. The foils are connected at the outer or inner apexes of the filter cells to the filter plate elements and protrude freely into the outer or inner filter cells, especially radially to the longitudinal axis of the filter devices.

Examination of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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